Michigan State Police

Crash Advisory # 25

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Crash Type

As a reminder a crash that involves a vehicle backing up and striking the front of another vehicle would not be considered a head-on crash type. This should be coded as "other/unknown". Even if the vehicles are traveling in opposite directions.

Traffic control device

None
A Police officer supersedes a traffic control device and may direct motorists pursuant to MCL 257.611(1). An existing device would not be relevant while the officer is directing traffic; therefore you would code this as "none" on the UD-10 form.

Stop sign
A Crossing Guard directing traffic with the use of a hand held stop sign would be coded as "stop sign" on the UD-10 form.

Driver condition

When using the code for driver condition you are documenting what driver condition(s) may have contributed to the crash. You may select more than one code unless you select code 1 -(appeared normal) or code 99 -(Unknown). If either of these codes are selected no other codes can be marked. For example if you choose code 1 "appeared normal", you cannot also choose code 2 "had been drinking".

Sequence of events

Fell from vehicle
Some officer's continue to use sequence of events code 13 "Fell from vehicle" incorrectly. This code can be used when a person actually falls from a vehicle. For example someone falls from the bed of a pickup truck or hay wagon or if a person opens the door of a motor vehicle in transport and falls from the vehicle. It cannot be used when a person has an impact with an object or another vehicle and are ejected. In this instance you would mark "ejected" on the UD-10 form.

Separation of Units
This event represents a vehicle or trailer in tow separating from the power unit, not unit 1 striking unit 2 and the vehicles separating from one another. An example would be a boat trailer becoming unhitched from the pickup truck that was towing it.

Please Distribute to All Personnel Who Complete or Review Traffic Crash Reports

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